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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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No explanation is made as to the relevance of the non-English references listed other than what is shown in the drawings.

Remarks

A copy of each of the foreign references is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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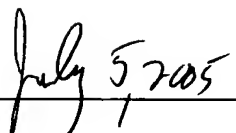
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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